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NOTES ON PRONUNCIATION

The letters of the Rumanian alphabet have generally the same value as in French, with the following exceptions:

ă and î are pronounced as *u* in *but*
u is pronounced as *oo* in *good*
ş ,, *sh*
ţ ,, *ts*
c ,, *k* when placed before the vowels *a*, *o*, and *u*, and as *ts* before *e* and *i*.

The compound vowel *au* is pronounced as *ow* in *how*.

The definite article *ul* is always placed after masculine substantives.

The Rumanians, the same as the Latin tribe of Samnites, use a 'p' where the Romans used a 'q.'

The unit of currency is the *leu*, plural *lei*.

As place-names occasionally differ in Rumanian from the form which so far has been familiar in English, a table containing the most important ones is given below:

English	*Rumanian*
Akermann	Cetatea Alba
Bender	Tighina
Czernowitz	Cernauţi
Dniester	Nistru
Hermannstadt	Sibiu
Grosswardein	Oradea Mare
Karlsburg	Alba Julia
Khotin	Hotin
Kishineff	Chişinau
Kronstadt	Braşov
Mures	Maroş
Segesvar	Sighişoara
Temesvar	Temişoara
Theiss	Tisa